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SUBJ: SYRIAN COMMUNIST LEADER IN BUDAPEST

1. KHALAD BAGDASH, SEC-GEN OF SYRIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, VISITED BUDAPEST NOV 16-22 WHERE HE HELD TALKS WITH TOP HUNGARIAN PARTY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FIRST SECRETARY JANOS KADAR.

2. IN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF VISIT, BOTH SIDES UNDERSCORED THEIR SUPPORT FOR "PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT'S SUCCESSFUL STRUGGLE AGAINST ATTACKS OF IMPERIALIST AND ZIONIST FORCES AND ARAB REACTIONARIES". COMMUNIQUE ALSO CLAIMED THAT LATEST TROOP DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT "DELAYS SETTLEMENT OF MIDEAST CRISIS, WEAKENS UNITY OF ARAB FORCES, AND STRENGTHENS IMPERIALIST INFLUENCE IN AREA".

3. AT WELL-PUBLICIZED PRESS CONFERENCE, KHALAD BAGDASH

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TERMED EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT "SHAMEFUL AND DEPLORABLE, NOTHING ELSE BUT CAPITULATION BEFORE

IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM". HE ADDED THAT POLICY OF AGREEMENT BY SMALL STEPS INSURES THAT U.S. WILL "CONTINUE TO KEEP ARAB TERRITORY UNDER ITS MILITARY, DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC CONTROL".

4. COMMENT: CRITICISM OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE STRONGEST SEEN HERE TO DATE. PRINTING OF KHALAD BAGDASH'S EVEN HARSHER CONDEMNATION EMPHASIZES EGYPT'S NEW PARIAH STATUS IN HUNGARY. EGYPTIAN COUNSELOR HERE REPORTS THAT HE IS GRADUALLY BEING CUT OFF FROM CONTACT WITH PARTY OFFICIALS AND FROZEN OUT OF GOH-ARAB SOCIAL AFFAIRS.
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